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HIV AIDS CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of HIV positive AIDS cases in different States of the country reported during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, year-wise;

(b) the number of deaths from AIDS during the said period;

(c) whether the Government proposes to campaign AIDS awareness amongst the people in rural areas of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts of Government to check the further spread of HIV/ AIDS cases in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The State-wise and year-wise details of reported number of HIV positive AIDS cases and deaths in different States of the country during the last three years as per information received from State AIDS Control Societies is given at Annexure 'A' & 'B' respectively.

(c) & (d) In order to make people aware about HIV/AIDS and promote safe behaviours, National AIDS Control Organisation and State AIDS Control Societies conduct regular IEC campaigns through mass media and inter-personal communication channels. NACO's programmes "Jeewan Hai Anmol" and "Lets Talk AIDS" was aired on 174 AIR stations in 24 languages. The special episodes of "Kalyani" health magazine on Doordarshan is telecast. Special awareness programme through Song & Drama Division and Directorate of Field Publicity have been organized in the areas where regular mass media presence is low. Besides this, the sensitization of members from Gram Sabhas, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Aanganwadi workers, Self Help Groups and media is also undertaken on a regular basis. A Red Ribbon Express was launched on 1st December, 2007 to spread awareness messages in 50,000 villages over a period of one year.(e) Phase III of the National AIDS Control Programme has been formulated to control the spread of HIV by up scaling targeted interventions among the high risk groups, behaviour change communication for improved awareness, expanding, counseling and testing services, blood safety, support and treatment of HIV infected persons including the treatment of opportunistic infections, provision of anti-retroviral drugs and mainstreaming of HIV intervention strategies.